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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

**DERRY RESIDENT, FORMER MEMBER OF OUTLAWS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE FOR POSSESSING AMMUNITION**

Re: United States v. Robert McCluskey

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, N.H. Department of Safety Assistant Commissioner Earl Sweeney, and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announced that Robert McCLUSKEY, DOB 1/30/52, of Derry, New Hampshire was sentenced on January 20, 2004 on his conviction for being a felon in possession of ammunition. McCLUSKEY, a previously convicted felon, possessed a cache of .22, .38, .380, .40, and .45 caliber and 12 gauge shotgun ammunition at his 28 Gulf Rd., Derry residence on December 19, 2002. Convicted felons are prohibited from possessing ammunition (as well as firearms) under federal law. Information presented in open court at previous proceedings in the case confirmed that at the time of his arrest, McCLUSKEY was a member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club.

On March 10, 2003, McCLUSKEY entered a guilty plea to the charge. At today's sentencing, U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe imposed a sentence of "time served" (approximately 4 ½ months imprisonment, already served to date) followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which McCLUSKEY's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case against a convicted felon for illegally possessing ammunition is precisely the type of prosecution for which the federal firearms laws and Project Safe Neighborhoods are intended. The cooperative efforts of the State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in this and other cases are making New Hampshire a safer place to live. This office is committed to the vigorous enforcement of federal firearms laws, and will continue to aggressively implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws. Attorney General John Ashcroft recently called Project Safe Neighborhoods "a revolutionary campaign against gun crime in America."

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police Special Investigations Unit, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.